

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*Examiner:*

*Group:*

*Attorney Docket #.: 3839*

In re:

Applicant(s): WITZMANN, A., et al

Serial No.: 10/594,284

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**AMENDMENT**

May 7, 2009

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

The Office Action of April 16, 2009 has been carefully considered.

Restriction has been required between Group I, Claims 1-19 and 16 drawn  
to a method.

Group II, Claims 10-14 drawn to an article.

Group III, Claim 15 drawn to an apparatus.

Applicant now elects for further prosecution in the subject application  
Group I Claims, 1-9 and 16 drawn to a method.

While this election is without traversal, it is nevertheless without prejudice to the right of the applicant to file a Divisional Application should it decide to do so.

Prosecution on the merits is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. J. Striker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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